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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/16/61

WEATHER This week had some beneficial rains in the east and some good drying days over all of the State; frost was confined to the west. Temperatures averaged near normal with the first day being cool, the final day unseasonably warm; other days were mild. Precipitation was confined to the beginning of the period with amounts over three inches in the southeast, as little as 1/10 inch at some northern and western communities. Low day-time humidities and moderate winds prevailed under sunny skies during the final six days of the period.

CROPS Harvest of row crops was slowed at the beginning of the week by rains particularly in the eastern part of the State. At the close of the week, fields were drying and harvest operations were resumed. About 3 percent of the corn had been harvested by the end of the week but the grain was carrying a moisture content of about 27 percent which was too high for safe storage and was either artificially dried or used for immediate feed purposes. Combining of sorghum was a little further advanced with about 13 percent of the acres harvested but the moisture content was running about 17 percent. Over 1/3 of the soybeans had been harvested although wet fields were causing some delay in the eastern counties.

Harvest of dry beans was nearly completed in the Panhandle counties while digging of potatoes was making rapid progress. Many potatoes are going into storage as prices are depressed at the present time. Digging of sugar beets is moving along but at a rather slow rate because of wet soil in some areas.

Seeding of winter grains is practically completed. Most winter wheat is up to a good stand and making excellent growth. Some reseeding was necessary in western counties but this is now up and, with favorable weather conditions, should make sufficient growth to protect the soil from wind erosion and go into the winter in good condition.

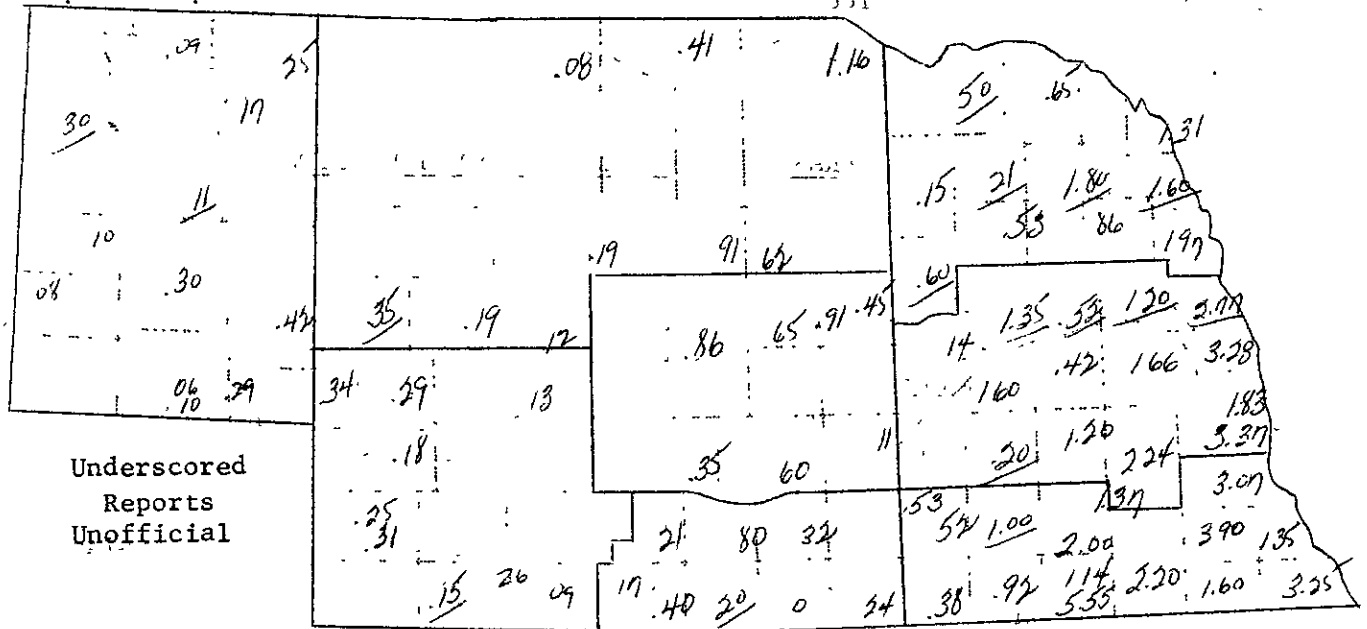
Pasture and range feed is in good supply with some late season grasses making additional growth. There appears to be an adequate supply of hay and roughage for current livestock numbers.

LIVESTOCK Movement of stocker and feeder cattle is nearing a peak. Cattle on feed have made good gains although some feedlots in the eastern counties were muddy as a result of the heavy rains. Weather conditions have been favorable for fall calving as well as saving pigs from fall litters.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 1961

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.14	Burwell	.62	Chadron	.08
Lincoln	2.24	North Platte	.13	Imperial	.31
Norfolk	.50	Valentine	.08	Scottsbluff	.10
Omaha	3.28			Sidney	.07
Sioux City	1.30				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		October 10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	53	42	60	46	71	44	64	33	71	35	75	38	84	40
	Scottsbluff	58	35	56	40	72	45	63	37	69	40	72	36	81	36
	Sidney	47	38	60	39	73	48	55	41	68	35	71	36	79	43
NC	Burwell	49	43	59	45	76	39	68	34	69	35	70	34	82	--
	Valentine	51	46	64	47	75	44	56	32	71	36	72	35	84	41
NE	Norfolk	55	49	68	50	77	48	68	39	67	38	64	38	81	44
	Sioux City	56	54	67	54	77	50	69	43	64	44	61	40	80	49
CEN	Grand Island	57	48	71	49	78	45	73	40	69	40	60	44	82	46
EC	Lincoln	66	54	73	52	77	53	72	45	64	42	63	46	78	52
	Omaha	59	53	68	49	76	50	68	45	62	44	60	40	76	47
SW	Imperial	48	45	64	38	76	42	66	40	70	41	71	40	80	39
	North Platte	50	45	65	44	77	40	63	37	71	35	73	35	80	35

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